

REMARKS

Claims 1-12, 15-19, 22, 24-34, 38-39, 43 and 45 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. Section 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,796,825 to McDonnal et al. By this Amendment, all of these claims have been cancelled so as to speed the and allowance of claims that have already been indicated to be allowable. Applicants reserve the right to continue prosecuting the cancelled claims in a continuing application.

Claims 13-14, 20-21, 23, 27-32, 35-37, 40-42, 44 and 46 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but were indicated to be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. By this Amendment, these claims have been so rewritten as new claims as indicated in the chart below. Accordingly, these claims should now be in condition for allowance.

In addition to rewriting claims that were indicated to be allowable in independent form so as to present them in a condition for allowance, the present Amendment also adds new claims that contain limitations of cancelled claims, but changes in their dependency so that they now include all of the limitations of the allowable claims. These claims do not add any new matter, since they are supported by the original disclosure, and should be deemed allowable in view of their dependence upon allowable claims.

For ease of reference, set forth below is a table that identifies each newly added claim showing the previous claim from which its limitations have been derived.

New claim number	Previous claim number indicated to be allowable if rewritten as done herein	Previous claim number from which the language of the new claim has been copied but applied in dependency to an allowable claim
47	13	N/A
48	14	N/A
49-55	N/A	6-12
56		3 (The claim has been changed to delete dependency on former claim 2)
57	N/A	4
58	20	N/A
59	21	N/A
60	23	N/A
61-62	N/A	24-25
63	N/A	26 (The claim dependency has now been changed so that it also will overcome the prior objection to improper dependency upon itself.)
64-66	27-29	N/A
67	42	N/A
68-70	30-32	N/A
71-73	35-37	N/A
74-75	40-41	N/A
76	44	N/A
77	46	N/A

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that claims 47-77 are now in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and reexamination are respectfully requested.

In the event that any minor modifications are needed to place this application in condition for allowance, a telephone call to the undersigned will greatly be appreciated.

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